

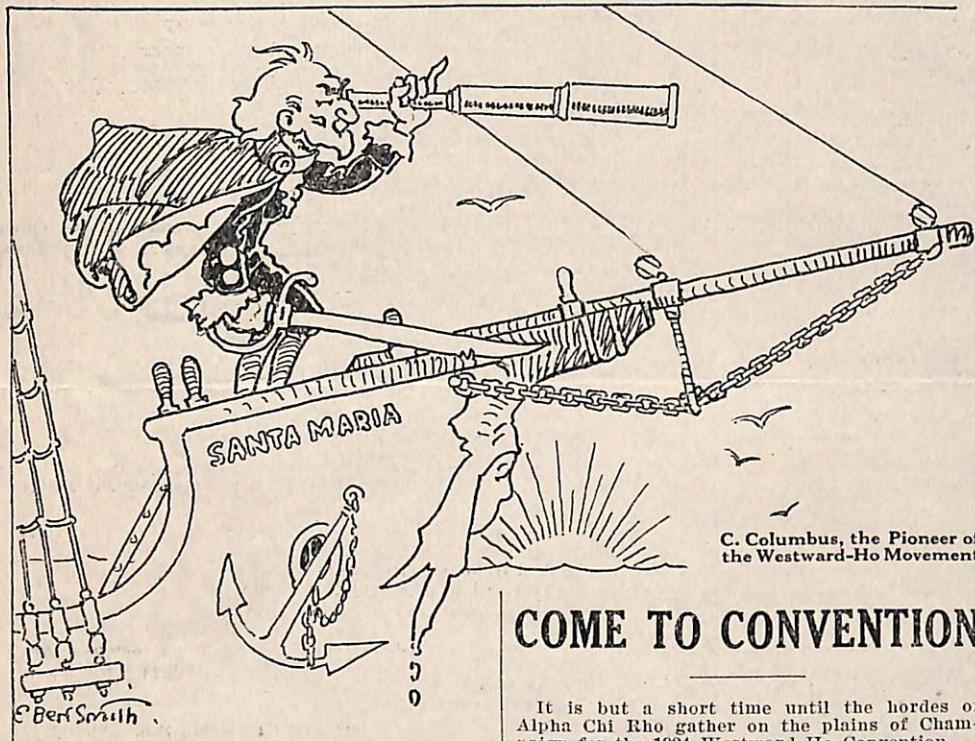
Alpha Chi Rho

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CHAMPAIGN, ILL

February, 1924



C. Columbus, the Pioneer of the Westward-Ho Movement

COME TO CONVENTION

It is but a short time until the hordes of Alpha Chi Rho gather on the plains of Champaign for the 1924 Westward Ho Convention.

For the first time in the history of the Fraternity, the western brothers are in position to attend in large numbers. It will be a chance for the easterners to see the westerners at work and play, and to see how well the eastern brothers, who have settled out here, have fared while roughing it.

Poor old C. Columbus, pictured above, looked forward from way back in 1492 to 1924 (just shuffle the numbers) to this very Convention among the Indians. He radioed to Conan Doyle that he won't be able to come, but we are confidently expecting to see at Champaign, the Columbuses of the Fraternity, those venerables who so conscientiously nursed the organization along during the latter part of the 18th and early 19th centuries. Distance won't keep them from the biggest annual event of the Fraternity that they worked so hard to develop. We'll bet our last dollar on that.

Ever since 1919 it has been our desire to attend a convention, and every year the reports have been more glowing—and this year we'll be there! It is with no little zest that we look forward to slapping Sigg on the back, hollering in Livermore's tin ear, kicking Hobby in the shins for past dirty digs, knocking Young Battling Kid Tracy from Wisconsin off his pins, renewing the acquaintances made at the Michigan and Wisconsin institutions, and making new acquaintances with our brothers from the twin baby chapters at Ohio State and California. Ample opportunity for the foregoing is assured because the committee promised faithfully to muzzle Mac, Henning and the rest of the western rougher element.

Remember, the program calls for a fair amount of work and a fair amount of play.

BE AN EARLY BIRD

DON'T FORGET

Help the committee to put over a bang-up convention by getting your reservations in early. The entire new Urbana-Lincoln Hotel has been reserved for the convention activities. The committee will assign rooms in order as requests for reservations are received. The best rooms go to the early birds. Two brothers will be assigned to a room and the cost will not be more than \$3.00 per night. A strip ticket plan that will cover all meals, functions and hotel accommodations will be announced in detail in a later bulletin. This plan will enable the committee to furnish hotel accommodations for \$2.00 per night, or \$6.00 for three days, which was the cost for one day at the Plaza.

Do check the first square on the attached reservation slip and mail it today if you can. But don't check the second square and send it in until you have given all of the rich relatives a chance to make your attendance possible. Hold off on that until the last dog is hung, because we want you, and Alpha Chi Rho needs you.

Remember to mention whether or not your wife will be along, because the committee will see that she has a place to park while the rest of us deliberate. If enough wives come we'll organize a missionary society, a sewing circle or a bridge club for them. Or, if you are still well off, and want a date with one of the local talent, give the boys time to do themselves justice by giving them fair warning as to your requirements. They can do it, and will—just give them the word.

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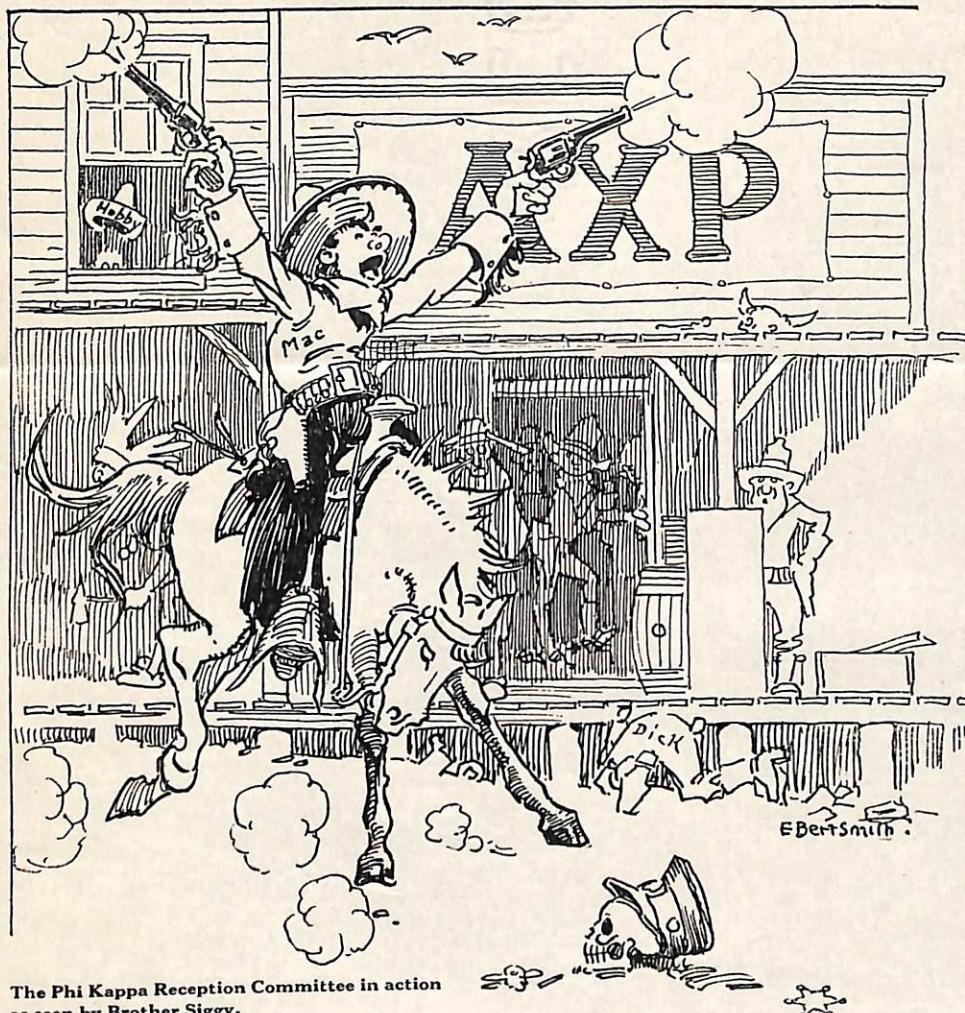
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AH! THE RODEO

If you have been following Brother Archie's stuff in the Garnet and White, the Rodeo has had its introduction. "Rodeo" is the label tacked to the event heretofore reverently referred to as the smoker. A properly functioning smoker serves to enable the Brothers to become acquainted with one another amid great clouds of smoke, both good and bad, and with a great deal of banter and airy perfilage.

That is a large assignment but it is not to be without its interruptions, for are we not to have with us Phi Kappa's Incomparables? Who the devil are they anyway? And hasn't Brother Fuller promised on his honor to tell the one that he told at a committee meeting about the farmer plowing without any pants? And undoubtedly won't Dick Fox come steaming in with his neighbor boys, Eddie Bailey, Jimmy Robinson, Hobby Bassford, AXP'S own Peck's Bad Boy, and a score of others? And won't Carlton Hayes' eyes be all aglow as he makes his report on the location of the Maxfield Parrish picture he didn't locate in Chicago when he went to the Wisconsin Institution?

This gathering is to be held under the Phi Kappa roof, and that same roof surmounts quite a house. If we are to believe figures it is by far the most expensive shrine that has been built by any Chapter in the Fraternity.

The Rodeo promises to be a live get-together, around the twin fire places with plenty to smoke and plenty of cider and doughnuts. Be sure to arrive in time for the first event.

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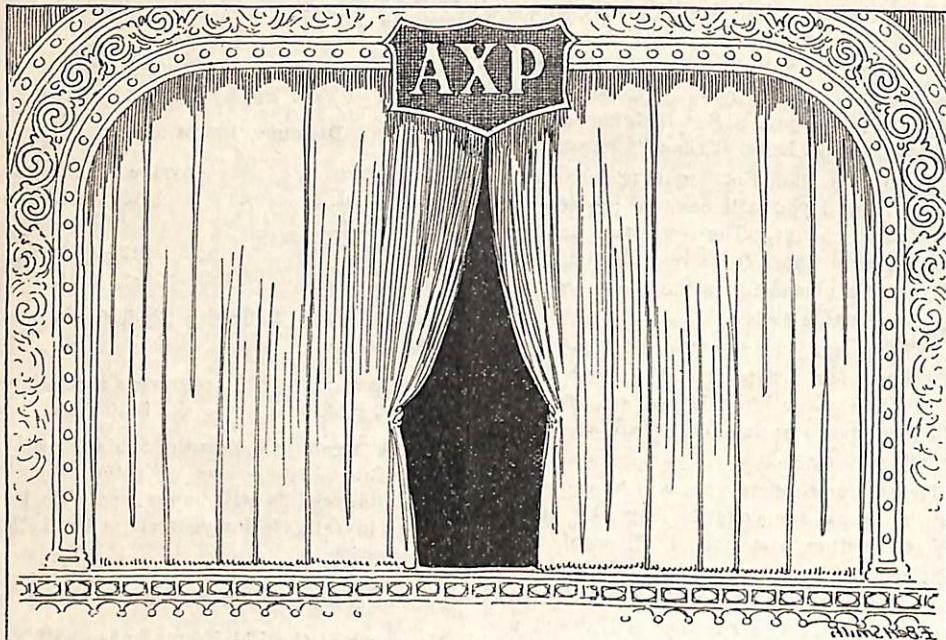
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Phi Kappa News

Special Convention Number

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Champaign, Illinois



The Stage is All Set for the First Western Convention
Curtain at 6 P. M., February 21, 1924

The University of Illinois

The University is one of the largest of the three seats of culture boasted of by "corn-fed" Illinois. It raises aloft its twin torches of Labor and Learning in the central eastern portion of the state, and shelters its 9,000 earnest searchers after knowledge in the twin cities of Champaign and Urbana.

Its campus is large and not altogether unattractive, although, as Dick Fox so eloquently puts it, it is not all natural beauty. It has been landscaped.

In pursuit of learning, it points unashamed to its colleges of Liberal Arts, Commerce, Engineering, Agricultural, with the oldest experimental plot of ground in the northern hemisphere. Among its edifices are University Hall, the Auditorium, the Armory, the Memorial Stadium, one of the largest and newest in the United States. Among its prominent men for 1923 might be mentioned the 20-year-old sophomore All-American half-back, Harold Grange, who played on one of the five undefeated football teams in the country. That was Zuppke's.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2nd, 1924.

The convention this year will be unique in many ways. It will be the first Alpha Chi Rho Convention held west of Syracuse. It offers the first opportunity for our Middle Western Chapters to have a large representation and to obtain an intimate knowledge of our national organization. It will be the first time since the early days of our fraternity that all delegates will be housed together. We will not only learn to know one another intimately but we hope to get intimately acquainted with our chapter problems and our national problems. There will be a good time for everyone and lots of good fellowship.

You can't afford to miss this convention.

Every chapter should send its full quota of delegates.

OTTO F. SIEDER,
President of the Fraternity.

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ALARM!

Have you sent in your reservations to Les Thurman in Champaign? If not, you'd better do so at once. A glance at the calendar will tell you that you are expected in Champaign very shortly.

Remember, if your wife is to come along, special accommodations must be made for her, so give the boys a chance.

Sleeping arrangements call for parking two in a room at the hotel. If your modesty forbids, you must let it be known so that other arrangements may be made.

Have you specified your desires in the matter of a date for the dinner-dance? That should have been done some time ago. Don't let another day slip by without attending to that. Don't be a wallflower or a chronic stag. An Illinois girl is a sure cure for both those maladies if secured in time.

Just one more thing to remember—don't fail to obtain a "Certificate," not a "receipt" from your ticket agent when you buy your ticket to Champaign and the 1924 Convention.

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It's at the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel

The twin cities' most modern, up-to-date and classiest tavern, with electricity, running water and a bathtub—come up some time and take a bath—that is the headquarters and seat of the activities, both workers and play, of the 1924 Convention. The doors were opened for the first time to receive guests on November 3rd, on which date the Illini proceeded to dedicate the Stadium and wallop Chicago.

The hotel was built and financed by the people of Urbana in order to put one over on the people of Champaign. It is the show place of the twin cities.

This hotel is to be at the entire disposal of the Alpha Chi's when they hit town. It's to be all ours while there, and there will be no hens next door to complain of the raucous voices of Stan Hanssen and Shaw Livermore when they undertake to solve various and sundry weighty matters.

Taken all in all, also by and large, we feel that this Convention, in the phraseology of the street, will be a **WOW**, in more of the same parlance, a **CRASH**.

Don't forget the dates, February 21, 22, and 23, 1924, in Champaign and Urbana, and bear in mind, that there are

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Meet the Phi Kappa Boys

Just a few words in passing about the boys who are to act as hosts during our stay in Champaign.

Space will permit but brief mention of just a few of the boys. First of all, Les Thurman, 'E, member of the Convention Committee, Editor of last year's annual, a Phi Beta Kappa, Junior and Senior Honorary Societies, and so on, an unusual boy. Rollie Popken, who is playing his third year on the varsity basketball team; Buddie Evans, one of the fastest sprinters in the country and a prospect for the Olympic team; Marsh Sweeney, one of the premier broad jumpers in the big 10; Jack Andren, a comebacker, who has been putting in some big licks on the convention work; "Jovial George" Moulton, who has attended Illinois, Syracuse, and returns still an AX; Dutch Sturdivant, who boasts one of the sunniest and broadest grins in the Fraternity; Stub Meals, the diminutive correspondent and publication editor; Burt Sears, a most modest and retiring Shreek; Log Pierce, who patiently bears the brunt of many boyish pranks; Ruf Austin, one of Phi Kappa's most dashing Lotharios; Don Teetor, who at last report was courting the same heroine, much to the former's consternation; and so we could go on for hours—but in Champaign there are

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A New Idea

The Strip Ticket to Cost \$25.75

\$25.75 buys a strip ticket which leaves you nothing to buy but your railroad fare, tips, shines, barber shop and valet service.

The strip ticket includes, Thursday supper and smoker; Friday breakfast, lunch and dinner dance; Saturday breakfast, lunch, theatre party and banquet; Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights lodging at the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel, Urbana's finest.

If you can think of anything more that you will need you will have to provide for some extra change. The committee believes that all your wants for a real old-time Convention is provided for in the above program at a reasonable cost.

So figure out your fare plus \$25.75 and you will have your cost to attend the first Westward Ho Convention. If we get 250 certificates you go back on half fare so do not forget to bring yours.

Tickets for single events will be provided, but we urge everyone to buy the entire ticket whether you attend all meals and functions or miss one or two. If you buy the entire strip ticket you will help us put over a real Convention that will stand as a record to shoot at for many years.

Urbana-Champaign Is Not New York-Philadelphia

If you have made up your mind to come to Convention please let us know before you hop off the train at Champaign. It is hard to make last minute reservations in a small town and your co-operation by using the enclosed envelope to express your intentions will be a great help.

Reservations for the Ladies

By all means bring the wife along. She will enjoy the Friday night dinner dance. Friday night will be devoted to entertain the ladies, God bless them. For the remainder of the time we make the following suggestions: Have her go to Chicago Saturday morning. There she will find plenty to do without your able assistance. Shops, theatres, sight seeing and what not. Reservations will be made at the Hotel LaSalle if you drop Brother R. F. Fuller, 6 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, a line. Tell him the wife wants to stay in Chicago Saturday night and to reserve a room for her. If enough wives plan to visit Chicago a theatre party for Saturday evening will be arranged.

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Chicago-Champaign Time Table

Fast Trains Only.

Distance, 128 Miles

Leave Chicago	Arrive Champaign
8:45 A.M.	11:59 A.M.
4:50 P.M.	8:40 P.M.
6:15 P.M.	9:25 P.M.
9:10 P.M.	12:20 A.M.

Special Friday, February 22nd, for Alpha Chi Rhos only.

Leaves Chicago	Arrives Champaign
12:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.

As this is going to press the Friday special is doubtful. Negotiations with the Illinois Central Railroad is still under way. So be sure and investigate for yourself at the 12th Street Station.

Special Notice to Phi Kappa Graduates

No rooms at the Phi Kappa house will be reserved, so do not plan to stay at the house. Everyone will have to bunk at the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel.

What to Do When You Arrive

If you come in Thursday go at once to the Phi Kappa house. If you come in Friday or Saturday go direct to the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel. Phi Kappa Brothers will meet all trains. They will wear a garnet ribbon on their coat lapel.

Chapter Factors

Phi Psi	17	Phi Theta	14
Phi Chi	16	Phi Gamma	17
Phi Phi	15	Phi Iota	10
Phi Omega	16	Phi Kappa	1
Phi Alpha	10	Phi Lambda	13
Phi Beta	10	Phi Mu	13
Phi Delta	17	Phi Nu	19
Phi Epsilon	14	Phi Xi	6
Phi Zeta	10	Phi Omicron ...	4
Phi Eta	10	Phi Pi	6
Phi Rho	38		

Attendance cup will be awarded on the bases of attendance multiplied by chapter factor.